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MULTILAYER COATED SUBSTRATE
HAVING IMPROVED BARRIER
PROPERTIES

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Enclosed is a copy of a machine translation of JP 2000-153214 A, and the English-language abstract thereof, that were provided by the Office in connection with an office action

mailed on 9/11/07 for US Application Serial No. 10/691,890. JP 2000-153214 A discloses one or more methods of feeding materials to a slide die for multilayer curtain coating.

The following publications are from published conference proceedings and are submitted since they were discussed, in whole or in part, during the interview of October 11, 2007 concerning US Application Serial No. 10/257,172: Schweizer, 2002 Coating and Graphic Arts Conference and Trade Fair, May 5-8 2002; Urscheler et al, 2005 TAPPI Coating Conference and Exhibit, April 17-20, 2005 (including slides); and Triantafillopoulos, 2001 Coating and Graphic Arts Conference and Trade Fair, May 6-9, 2001.

A translation of the Alleborn article cited in the Declaration of Dr. Wolfgang Bauer, of record in the file of US Application Serial No. 10/257,172, is also provided. The relevance of that article is explained in said Declaration.

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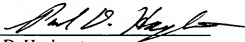
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